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# The Classical Movement in Greece



# Literature

- + Fifth century BCE Athens was the focal point of the brief age of brilliance referred to as the Classical Moment

# Architecture

+ The most celebrated of all Greek buildings ever constructed is the Parthenon, built in Periclean Athens, as a showpiece of Athenian wealth and power



+ Temple is dedicated to Greek goddess Athena

# Architecture

- + The temple's main function was to shelter the monumental statue of Athena that was made by Pheidias out of gold and ivory



# Architecture

- + The construction of the Parthenon would not have been possible without masonry and sculpture techniques Greeks had learned from the Egyptians
- + Each block was carved with incredible accuracy, using only hand tools



# Architecture

- + The carvings inside the Parthenon represent the ideal forms of human beauty.
- + Some sculptures depict battles of the Gods and the Greeks

